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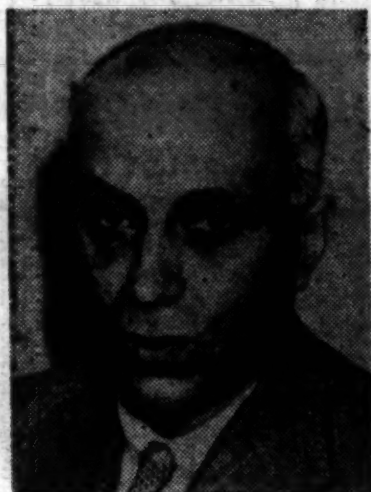
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# YANKS RIP ACROSS OKINAWA PLATEAU

## Australians Capture Brunei

**Freed After  
3 Years in Jail**



Jawaharlal Nehru, outstanding Indian National Congress leader, whom the British jailed three years ago in a round-up of Indian patriots. Release of the imprisoned Congress leaders was announced yesterday in a White Paper introduced in the British House of Commons by Leopold Amery, Secretary of State for India.



**Battle for Borneo:** Veteran Australian infantrymen of the crack Ninth Division, wounded in the early fighting on the beaches of Borneo, are carried across a stream to a first-aid station.

**GUAM, Friday, June 15 (UP).—**10th Army troops on Okinawa swept across the top of Yaeju-Dake plateau and captured the highest hill in the escarpment yesterday while flanking columns broke through defenses around the western and southeastern Japanese anchors in a knockout offensive to drive the reeling enemy into the sea.

Victory was at hand for Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner's doughboys and marines after the bloodiest campaign in the Pacific war. Japanese dead had risen to 71,203 killed and dispatches told of scores of Japanese soldiers surrendering despite orders for a fight to the death.

The battered remnants of a Japanese garrison that numbered 85,000 when the Yanks drove ashore were constricted into a narrowing pocket atop the plateau with their backs against 100-foot cliffs falling off into the sea at the southern tip of the island. Maj. Gen. John R. Hodge, U.S. 24th Corps commander, said last week the cliffs would give the Japanese an excellent chance to commit suicide, as they did at Saipan.

As the U.S. Seventh Infantry Division began fanning out across the southeastern side of the plateau and the First Marines knifed southward toward the sea on the western flank, Tokyo broadcasts said the Americans already appeared to be preparing new Pacific invasions.

Enemy broadcasts urged the Japanese to make the homeland a fortress and to be prepared to fight to the last man "because there can be no unconditional surrender for Japan."

### AUSSIES TAKE BRUNEI

**MANILA, Friday, June 15 (UP).—**Australian Ninth Division troops in northwest Borneo took the city of Brunei, capital of the Brunei protectorate, on Wednesday and the Japanese garrison fled into the hills to the south, it was disclosed today.

There was practically no opposition to the forces which occupied Brunei City.

On Labuan Island at the mouth of Brunei Bay, Australians drove to within a half-mile of the Timbalai airstrip on the northwest side of the island.

### CHINESE ENTER LIUCHOW

**CHUNGKING, June 14 (UP).—**Chinese troops have smashed into the northern suburbs of Liuchow, closely investing that former U.S. 14th Air Force base with a second Chinese column battering its way through the southern outskirts, a communique revealed today.

Other Chinese forces were engaged in fighting with Japanese troops in the western suburbs of mountain-ringed Ishan, 50 miles to the west, where the enemy was momentarily in possession of the main city in a see-saw battle.

A U.S. communique disclosed 14th Air Force raids on the rail yards at Kaifeng, junction of the Lunghai and Pinghan railroads, and on the Japanese communications lines between Hengyang and Liuchow in central Kwangsi province. Twenty river craft were destroyed or damaged.

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# Indian Leaders Are Freed; British Offer New 'Plan'

Great Britain yesterday freed Indian National Congress leaders who had been interned since August, 1942, and called a meeting with them and other leaders at Simla, June 25. Those freed include Jawaharlal Nehru, outstanding congress leader, and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Moslem president of the Congress Party.

Leopold S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, introduced a White Paper in Commons on the Indianization of the of the vice regal council. He said the government hoped Indian leaders would be able to agree on a program under which the permanent future form of India's government could be determined. This program would look toward eventual dominion status.

## BRITISH PROPOSALS

The program would increase Indian representation on the appointed 14-member Viceregal Executive Council from 10 to 13. Viscount Wavell, the Viceroy, would continue as Council President with the right of veto on matters affecting national security, which of course covers a wide field. Indians would be named to the Foreign, Finance and Home Affairs portfolios, but a British High Commissioner would be sent to India to represent Great Britain's "commercial interests."

Wavell called the new offer a "definite advance on the road to self-government," and London observers wondered how much was Churchillian election propaganda.

British rulers were apparently fearful that the Wavell proposal would be regarded as inadequate by the Indian people, as were Sir Stafford Cripps' proposals in 1942. Time Magazine reported on May 21 that if the Wavell plan fails, "the Viceroy has the full approval of the British cabinet to use the Indian army to keep order and suppress any revolt quickly."

# Green Demands OPA Renewal

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Reconversion will be endangered if the pressure to end OPA in six months should be successful, AFL President William Green warned in testimony before the House Banking and Currency Committee today.

Green lauded OPA Administrator Chester Bowles.

"It is our belief that price control administration, which is one of the most difficult and complex governmental tasks, has been run fairly democratically, and efficiently under the able management of Chester Bowles," he said.

"Labor is convinced also that OPA is determined to help and will help in every conceivable way to assure speedy increases in civilian production and employment which would enable our economy to go ahead under its own power without unnecessary restrictions."

"On behalf of the American Federation of Labor, I urge the House of Representatives to enact the extension of the Emergency Price Control Act without any amendments whatsoever."

## Syrian President Demands French Go

DAMASCUS, June 14 (UP).—Syrian President Shukri Kuwaty reiterated his warning that France must get out of Syria and Lebanon.

"We have decided to defend our liberty against anyone," he told a press conference last night. "We don't hate foreigners—except those who try to dominate us."

# Fight on Costello Gang Gains in Demo Ranks

By MAX GORDON

The fight to purge racketeer Frank Costello's friends from positions of influence in New York County's Democratic organization reached a new high point yesterday.

The struggle to oust them, simmering for some time, was set off when William O'Dwyer, Democratic ALP designee for mayor, forced the county organization to nominate Frank S. Hogan for district attorney after Costello's pals had succeeded in defeating Hogan in the executive committee and had nominated Edward J. Ennis instead.

Chief target of the campaign to clean up Tammany is Clarence Neal, head of the county election committee and the man generally credited with being the dominant power in the organization. Neal and Bert Stand, Tammany secretary also under fire, were charged by Hogan two years ago with having engineered the nomination of Magistrate Thomas A. Aurelio for a Supreme Court judgeship at Costello's dictation. They are generally considered the group in Tammany linked with the underworld.

## CLAIM MAJORITY

The fight to oust them from positions of influence has been going on for some time under the leadership of Assemblyman Patrick Sullivan, leader in the 7th Assembly District. Sullivan was joined yesterday by former Supreme Court Justice Jeremiah T. Mahoney, leader of the Ninth Assembly District, and other district leaders.

Insurgents were circulating a petition yesterday for a meeting of the executive committee today. They

claimed 16 of the 26 votes of the committee would be cast in favor of the ouster of Neal, and possibly Stand.

Should this happen, it is expected to strengthen considerably the position of O'Dwyer in the mayoralty race since his bold action in demanding a reversal of the Tammany decision on Hogan promoted the move to clean up the Hall.

Another possible major development in the mayoralty campaign appeared likely when City Council President Newbold Morris said yesterday afternoon he would decide within the next forty-eight hours whether to enter the GOP mayoralty primaries against Judge Jonah Goldstein, Tammany Democrat designated to head the GOP ticket at Gov. Dewey's dictation. Morris was originally designated to run for reelection with Goldstein but declined to be on the same ticket with the "discarded Tammany candidate."

The ALP, which has endorsed the Democratic city slate, is due to meet today, together with CIO leaders on the ALP-CIO Planning Board, to make a decision on the New York County ticket. Sentiment for the nomination of Hogan as district attorney appears to be overwhelming, if not unanimous.

In a speech prepared for delivery at a Liberal Party convention last night, Alex Rose, Liberal Party secretary, repeated the usual shibboleths about the campaign being against a combination of "gangsterism, political bossism and Communism." The convention was called to ratify the GOP mayoralty slate.

# Soviet Trial of 16 Poles to Open Soon

LONDON, June 14 (UP).—Radio Moscow said tonight that a Soviet court would begin within a "few days" the trial of 16 Poles arrested by Soviet authorities on charges of anti-Red Army activity. Thus the trial may be in progress while Polish leaders are in Moscow conferring on means of broadening the Warsaw Polish provisional government.

The forthcoming trial was announced as a small group of Polish leaders headed by Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, Peasant Party leader and former premier of the London Polish government, prepared to leave here for Moscow.

The Soviet Union announced last March the arrest of 16 Polish leaders on charges of "diversionary activities" behind Red Army lines. They included Gen. Bronislaw Okulicki, last commander of the Polish Home Army, which was under control of the London Polish government.

Their cases, Moscow said, have been handed over to the collegium of the Soviet Supreme Court after an investigation, now completed, by the Soviet prosecutor.

# Paris Cheers Eisenhower

PARIS, June 14 (UP).—Five years to the day after goose-stepping Germans entered Paris in France's darkest hour, General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower rode triumphantly today through the freed city and received the nation's highest homage.

Under the same Arc de Triomphe through which Adolf Hitler's troops tramped on that tragic June 14 of 1940, Eisenhower was awarded the Cross of Liberation and the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor by Gen. Charles de Gaulle, president of the Provisional French Government, while 250,000 spectators cheered and shouted "Vive Eek (Ike)."

Eisenhower stood at attention while deGaulle pinned the decorations on his tunic; facing down the Champs Elysees, which was a mass of people who had crowded close to see the man who had directed the defeat of Nazi Germany. Beside the Commander-in-Chief stood his chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, who was awarded the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor.

"General Eisenhower, we recognize you are our companion of Liberation in honor and in victory," deGaulle said. Overhead flew warplanes towing long streamers which read "Bon Voyage, Ike," referring to the General's coming visit to the United States.

Apologizing for his inability to speak French, Eisenhower paid tribute to France's national spirit and said "Hitler's great miscalculation was that he had not defeated France when he thought he had. When German soldiers marched down the Champs Elysees, France was not defeated."

"I am happy that from inside Paris regeneration came and you saved your city. Berlin is destroyed and I am glad," Eisenhower said.

## FCC Bans Hotel Phone Extras

WASHINGTON, June 14 (UP).—The Federal Communications Commission today warned hotels, apartment houses and clubs to stop collecting "surcharges" and "service charges" on interstate and foreign long-distance calls.

Despite Supreme Court decisions last month declaring such charges illegal, the commission said, numerous hotels throughout the country are continuing the practice.

This costs the public \$1,700,000 a year, it was estimated.

The commission said business places which continue the charges will be subject to immediate legal action under the communications act of 1934.



Harry Hopkins (right) and Joseph Davies (left) report to President Truman on the completion of their mission to Moscow and London. At the President's side is his chief of staff, Admiral William Leahy.

# Marcantonio Urges People Save FEPC

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Rep. Vito Marcantonio, New York American Labor Party leader, appealed for a powerful people's drive to save the Fair Employment Practice Committee, which faces death June 30.

The drive, said Marcantonio, must be directed toward two fronts:

(1) To bring the bill for a Permanent FEPC on the House floor by getting 218 representatives to sign the petition to discharge the Rules Committee, where the bill is snagged, from further consideration of it.

(2) To press the Senate to save the temporary, wartime FEPC, which expires June 30, by adding an FEPC funds amendment to the War Agencies appropriation bill. The House Appropriations Committee had killed the FEPC funds section.

Rep. Mary Norton, Jersey City Democrat, who heads the House Labor Committee; Rep. Joseph Clark Baldwin, Republican from New York's West Side, and Rep. Adolph J. Sabath, Chicago Democrat, who heads the Rules Committee, were in the front in the House fight today.

## FLAYS REP. SLAUGHTER

Mrs. Norton centered her fire on Rep. Ernest C. Slaughter, a Democrat from President Truman's own Kansas City, one of the six members of the Rules Committee, who disregarded President Truman's appeal to let the House vote on this issue.

Slaughter nervously puffed a cigar by the door to the cloak room as Mrs. Norton derided his excuse that he voted to bury the bill in the committee because he was against preventing discrimination on the grounds of "creed," when "creed" might mean Communist beliefs.

The petition drive that Mrs. Norton started has 128 signatures already, with 90 more to get.

Republicans have been slow in signing the petition, despite the FEPC promise of the GOP platform last year. But Joseph Clark Baldwin in a letter to all his Republican colleagues in the House said:

"I feel that the pledge our party gave the people in its platform

regarding FEPC should be fulfilled . . . with this in mind I'm asking you . . . to sign petition I now at the desk."

Sabath, a Democrat, also reminded the Republicans of their pledge, which he read to the House.

"We pledge," said the GOP plank, "the establishment by federal legislation of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee."

The 79-year-old Rules Committee chairman expressed his sorrow that his committee (by a 6 to 6 vote) had refused to take steps to let Congress pass on the issue of job discrimination and dramatically signing the petition in the presence of the House, he said: "I urge all fair-minded members to do likewise."

## Reconvene Norway's 1940 Parliament

OSLO, June 14 (UP).—Virtually the same Norwegian Storting (Parliament), as came close to cracking under Nazi pressure in 1940 reconvened today in an atmosphere of political tension.

The Storting legally expired in 1941 but it was decided to hold the meeting since it is the only elected body in Norway and will be until new elections in October.

## Rising Sun Stickers Mark Bombing Score

SEATTLE, June 14 (UP).—Boeing Aircraft Co., which makes E-29 planes, gave Superfortress crews something to shoot at today. The company sent the 21st Bomber Command 5,000 Rising Sun decal stickers, each one to be stuck on the side of a giant bomber for every enemy plane destroyed in aerial combat.





Pvt. Billy J. Romine (left) of Borger, Texas, takes a few minutes out from his job of filling gasoline containers behind the front lines on Okinawa, to get his allotment of cigarettes and candy. Sgt. William Wilson, Highmore, S. D., is the bearer of the good tidings.

## Mayor Gives Route Of Eisenhower Tour

By HARRY RAYMOND

New York's City Hall echoed the sharp tattoo of carpenters' hammers yesterday as workmen commenced erection outside of a high blue rostrum and spacious stands for the city's welcome next Tuesday to a hero—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces on the Western European Front.

Gen. Eisenhower, according to a schedule made public by Mayor LaGuardia, will arrive from Washington at LaGuardia Airport Tuesday morning. Accompanied by an official reception committee, the General will proceed in an open car through Queens to Manhattan and to City Hall. There at noon he will receive the city's official welcome and a medal struck especially for him for the occasion.

Forty thousand seats are being set up in City Hall Plaza and Park. These seats will be available to ticket holders. Tickets are being distributed by city councilmen.

There will be plenty of room for standees in a roped-off area around the park. Nine-hundred official guests will sit on stands flanking the big blue rostrum, which will be decorated with five huge silver stars—insignia of a General of the Army.

If it rains on Tuesday, General Eisenhower would follow the original route to City Hall, but the cavalcade would then proceed to Broadway and 45 St. and then to Madison Square Garden for the reception. Tickets for the City Hall reception, the Mayor said, would then be honored at the Garden, which seats 21,000. There will be 12 cars in the General's cavalcade, three of them for newspapermen.

Following the reception at City

Hall, Gen. Eisenhower and his party will proceed to Gracie Mansion, the Mayor's house, for lunch. At 2:55, the General is scheduled to see a baseball game at the Polo Grounds. After the game, he will go to the Waldorf-Astoria for a dinner in his honor.

During the City Hall ceremony, the general is expected to make the principal address. His talk will be carried over WNYC.

Persons without tickets for the City Hall reception, will be able to greet the general along the route of his motorcade.

Police Commissioner Valentine has ordered every member of the force to be on duty next Tuesday.

The Board of Transportation announced that during the City Hall reception the City Hall terminal of the IRT East Side subway will be closed to passenger traffic. Passengers who would ordinarily use that station between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. will be required to use the Brooklyn Bridge station nearby. Subway police and station employees will be posted at Brooklyn Bridge station to guide passengers.

### State Bars Religious Training in Schools

ALBANY, N.Y., June 14 (UP).—State Education Commissioner George D. Stoddard has ordered the Sodas, Wayne County, central school board to stop giving religious instruction on school property, the department revealed today.

## Route of Eisenhower Cavalcade

The route to be taken by the auto cavalcade carrying General Eisenhower in his tour of the city next Tuesday was officially made public yesterday by Mayor LaGuardia. It follows:

### FROM LAGUARDIA FIELD

Grand Central Parkway, to Triboro Bridge, to East River Drive, to 96 St., to Fifth Ave., to 102 St., to entrance to Central Park, follow prescribed route to 60 St. and Fifth Ave., thence south on Fifth Ave., to 23 St., to Broadway, to City Hall.

### LEAVING CITY HALL

Center St., to Lafayette St., to

Fourth St., to Washington Square Park, through Washington Arch to Fifth Ave., to 23 St., to Seventh Ave., to Broadway at 45 St., to Broadway and 86 St., east through Central Park via transverse road, to 85 St. and Fifth Ave., to 86th St., east on 86 St., east on 86 St. to East End Ave., to Mayor's House.

### LEAVING MAYOR'S HOUSE

East End Ave., to 89 St., to First Ave., to 116 St., to Seventh Ave., to 151 St., to Eighth Ave., to Polo Grounds.

Arrival at Polo Grounds, 2:55 p.m. Reception at City Hall, 12 noon.

# U. S. Agency Defends Nazi Film Distribution Here

By ART SHIELDS

WASHINGTON, June 14.—This sounds fantastic, but a spokesman for the Alien Property Custodian told the Daily Worker today that the Nazi-made films, which will be sold to the public, are really anti-Nazi propaganda. The War Department says so, the spokesman declared.

The 650 films, which the Alien Property Custodian will sell to the highest American bidders, all passed fascist censors between 1934 and 1944. Yet the Alien Property spokesman says that they will not only be shown to American civilians, they have already been shown to American troops for the purpose of "indoctrination" against Nazi ideology.

The Daily Worker contacted the Custodian's office today after reading David Platt's report that the Custodian considered the films "harmless" musicals and light comedies, etc. We pointed out that Nazi kultur had a way of seeping through every bit of Nazi culture. How could they be harmless? we asked.

The Custodian himself is out of town but his spokesman obligingly consulted around in the office and gave us the following statement:

"These vested films," he declared, "were all analyzed by the War Department and were selected for their great propaganda value in fighting fascist and Nazi views, and for their value in combatting Nazi ideology. They have been shown in Army camps as a part of indoctrination so that American soldiers would know what they were fighting against."

We asked him then how it was possible for films that passed Nazi censors to be useful in anti-Nazi propaganda.

The spokesman replied that he had just consulted a man who had seen several of the films. They gave such realistic pictures of goose-stepping Nazi troops and marching Hitler youths, he said, that Americans in the audience went out cursing the Nazis. He said that he thought the films would produce that effect on American audiences here.

That seems a dangerous hope, especially when some of these films are already to be used in a theatre in German American Yorkville, New York City, where Nazi influence was so strong during the war.

## 600 Laborites In British Poll

LONDON, June 14 (UP).—The largest number of Labor candidates ever to enter the field are seeking parliamentary seats in the forthcoming British elections, party headquarters announced today.

Around 600 candidates are seeking election, of which 499 have already been endorsed and are actively campaigning. The Labor Party has 40 women candidates, a larger number than all other parties combined.

"It can no longer be said that Labor is a class party. More than 60 have honors degrees from universities. There are 43 solicitors, barristers or doctors and 31 who are professors, headmasters or lecturers," said Morgan Phillips, party secretary.

### OPA Sues 5th Ave. Watch Dealer

Harry C. Arnow, Fifth Ave. dealer in imported watches, was sued by OPA in Manhattan's Federal District Court yesterday in a treble damage suit for \$86,575. Daniel P. Woolley, regional OPA administrator, announced. Arnow, whose business address is 542 Fifth Ave., was described by OPA as having charged his customers \$28,858 above ceiling prices.

## Protests Hit Scheme To Show Nazi Films

By BETH McHENRY

Fraternization with Nazis via the motion picture route will become the order of the day unless a swell of public protest kills the attempt of the Alien Property Custodian to distribute hundreds of Nazi films in this country.

## Vet Hospital Director Puts Blame on Army

Special to the Daily Worker

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Col. Louis Verdel, manager of the Northport, L. I., veterans Neuropsychiatric Hospital, admitted today that Army attendants, who admittedly mistreated hospital patients, were overseas veterans who were physically and mentally unfit for the jobs.

Testifying under subpoena before the House Veterans Committee, Verdel implied that the War Department was largely to blame for conditions. He said that of 300 soldiers assigned to him, 60 had lost an eye, 30 had hernias and some were "very definitely neurotic."

He said that both Army and civilian guards who mistreated patients had beat them on impulse and not in "acts of sadism as charged."

Rep. John E. Rankin (D-Miss.), made the hearings a sounding board against Negroes.

Col. Verdel was being questioned about the charges of brutality against attendants at the institution. Of some 300 employees, 130 are Negroes. When the crackdown came on the attendants, 15 Negro soldiers were court martialled and sentenced to Governor's Island for varying terms. None of the white soldiers were tried. Seven white civilians were dismissed.

Col. Verdel said he didn't do the punishing himself. He directed the soldier-attendants' work, as an officer of the Veterans Administration, but discipline is handled by the Army. However he indicated racial prejudice himself referring to colored men as "n. . . . s." and complained that they were permitted in hotels like the McAlpin in New York. He mentioned the hotel angle when explaining the difficulty in putting through the policy of segregation which Rankin was urging.

It is obvious that one cannot judge the accused Negro soldiers hastily under such circumstances.

Chairman Rankin of the committee jibed repeatedly at the colored troops or at the "Communists." He pressed Verdel to say that "subversive" persons and "Communists" were causing trouble at the Veterans' Hospital. Verdel however, wouldn't go along with him on that. He hadn't seen anything of the kind, he declared.

Verdel said the Veterans Administration paid civilian employees too little to get men of the quality he wanted.

### Wickard Gets Okay

WASHINGTON, June 14 (UP).—The Senate Agriculture Committee by an 11 to 6 vote today approved the nomination of Claude R. Wickard to be Rural Electrification Administrator.

Yesterday there was indignant reaction to David Platt's expose of the proposed sale. Managers of small theatres, not anxious to help Nazify American movie audiences, told the Alien Property Custodian they would boycott German made films. Trade unionists termed the release of Nazi films a direct insult to American GIs.

The first 50 Nazi films to be auctioned for distribution by the Alien Property Custodian, include "Jugend von Heute" (Youth of Today), "Vertrauter am Werk" (Traitors at Work) and "Zu Neuen Ufern" (Toward New Shores). The last named is an anti-British film about life in Australia.

Protesting the plan to flood the United States with Nazi motion pictures, Maurice Lev, manager of the City Theatre, wired the Allied Property Custodian:

"Hitler may be dead but the United States must not be a party in the plot to perpetuate his monstrous propaganda which brought on this world conflict and in which our losses were so huge. We intend to boycott any and all German made films."

Local 1, United Office and Professional Workers of America, CIO, which includes movie employees, called the proposed release of Nazi films "an outrage against our fighting men."

Bernice Field, activities director of Local 1, wired the APC:

"It is not only an insult to men and women on the home front but an outrage against our fighting men to publicize and promote films produced by the Nazis about the Nazis for the Nazis."

David Fein, manager of the Stanley Theatre which features Soviet films, wired the APC, asserting "fascist propaganda should be nipped in the bud," not planted in the minds of American audiences.

The Victory Committee of German American Trade Unionists representing 200,000 workers of German origin, demanded that the sale and distribution of Nazi made films be halted at once.

### More Luce Talk

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Rep. Clare Boothe Luce is now ranting about the "Communization of Austria." In a statement inserted in the Congressional Record today, Mrs. Luce said Dr. Karl Renner, Social Democratic Chancellor of the Austrian Provisional Government, is just a "front" for the Soviet Union's dire projects.

### Near-Record Heat Due to Continue

That 90 degree temperature at 2:35 p.m. yesterday missed by one degree the all-time high established in 1892, the Weatherman said, but it was the hottest day of the year.

Today will be the same, with maybe scattered showers, but hot and humid anyway.



# Dewey Aide Closes Schools for Vets

## Retraining Slashed 60 Pct., GIs Will Lose Education Rights

Returned veterans and their organizations throughout New York State are aroused at the arbitrary action of the State Department of Education in closing down last week a network of some 80 technical institutes used as vocational training centers for the vets.

Despite Gov. Dewey's pious promises to the returning soldiers, his own Department had adopted a policy which will automatically deprive six out of every 10 of their educational opportunities under the GI bill of rights, and which has already abruptly terminated the training of hundreds.

The technical institutes shut down last week were originally established by the U. S. Department of Education as vocational training centers for war industry. There were 105 scattered throughout the state, of which about 80 were later used for retraining the returning soldiers.

Funds for the institutes has been withdrawn by the U. S. Department of Education but under the GI bill of rights the Veterans Administration paid a tuition of \$350 a year for each student.

### GIs CLOSED OUT

Commissioner of Education George D. Stoddard has ruled against the institutes on the grounds they provide no academic training. Such a ruling means, in essence, that the 60 percent of New York's 1,400,000 men and women in the armed forces who have no high school diplomas will be shut off from use of GI education funds, since they will not be able to go to the colleges requiring high school degrees.

Commissioner Stoddard has graciously agreed to turn over the institutes to the local communities. But educators and community officials note that the communities



**It's 'Write-Congress' Day Today:** R. E. Gillmore, president of the Sperry Gyroscope Co., Nassau, L. I., takes time out from a busy schedule to get off a letter telling his Congressman he wants price control legislation renewed without emasculating amendments. The observance is a highlight of Fight Inflation Week, a national movement sponsored by 22 national labor, civic and consumer bodies. New Yorkers are urged to follow Gillmore's example and make with the pen. Backing the drive here are United Neighborhood Houses of New York, Inc., United Parents Associations, League of Women Shoppers, all CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhood auxiliaries and other groups.

are now strapped for money and cannot afford to operate them.

Except for two or three of the largest cities, there will not be enough students in any one community to provide enough tuitions to run the institutes. On the other hand, if the state conducted them there would be enough students on an area basis to make the schools self-supporting through GI tuitions. In addition to the federal tuitions, schools approved by the State Edu-

cation Department are entitled to another \$130 per student out of adult education funds.

It is estimated that a school with 300 or more students would be self-supporting through these federal and state tuitions.

### 80 VETS

Newspapers in the Troy-Schenectady area report that about 80 disabled veterans attending the vocational institutes in those two cities were abruptly let out by Commis-

### Change the World

## Hunger for Education

by Mike Gold

IN HIS autobiography *Up from Slavery*, Booker T. Washington gives us a touching description of the hunger for education that seized the recently-freed Negro people after the Civil War.

Old grandparents with fading vision and young kids of ten like himself were equally aflame with the great new possibilities. The old folks wanted to learn to read the Bible for themselves before death came. But the young folks dreamed of a culture to unlock the free new world.

Young Booker lived with his slave-mother and brothers and sisters in a one-room cabin with a dirt floor. It had been the laundry of the plantation, as well as his home. Here the young dreamer painfully struggled with reading and writing at night. By day he slaved to get the few dollars necessary to enter Hampton Institute, first of the Negro colleges, and 800 miles away over the mountains.

His mother and family aided all they could.

The people of his plantation, former slaves, were all proud of his determination to study at Hampton. They would constantly praise the boy, and give him a nickel or dime for his fund. Or some old grandmother's handkerchief, or maybe an egg—whatever they had.

Yes, they showed an enthusiasm for education that the paled sons and daughters of well-to-do burghers today rarely show in modern colleges and educational country clubs. But only the spirit of freedom can give life to a culture.

The Jews have had this educational passion for centuries. The book was their only nation and the spiritual life their one sure freedom in a world of anti-Semitic torturers and bigots. Education often meant equality. The laws of bigotry and race persecution are apt to fall against a Paul Robeson or Albert Einstein.

On a visit to hungry Puerto Rico several years ago, I found this beautiful passion among the people. "There are few higher schools on the island. The young people slave like Booker Washington to save the forty or fifty dollars for a voyage to New York. They come here with a dollar in their pocket to study and starve and to gain the great prize of education."

The working class of the world is, of course, the great giant in our time that thirsts and hungers after knowledge that will help it strike off all the chains on humanity. In every factory in America you will find the best-educated people with the wildest cultural interests laboring at the bottom of the social scale. The executives and profit-takers are usually shallow as George F. Babbitt.

Booker T. Washington reports there was a terrible shortage of teachers for the emancipated and hungry folk and that this opened the door to fakers. One such traveler came to this locality and offered to teach the people. When examined as to his qualifications in geography, he said: "I can teach that the world is flat, or the world is round, according to what the majority here believes."

Too many such teachers are still making educational careers in America, and every college has at least one professor who is the enemy of education and the flunkie of reaction.

Commissioner Stoddard's order. The same thing happened in other parts of the upstate areas.

Educators are agreed that there are very few states in the union where the veterans as a matter of policy are deprived of the opportunity of going to schools that do

not require high school diplomas. They maintain that there will be widespread disillusionment and anger among New York's veterans as they start streaming back in great numbers and find that "some of the most golden promises made them are only promises."

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## NEW MASSES

# Rathbun Fights Price Control Act

The fact that the Milk Producers Cooperative Association is the sole national farm organization backing the Wherry amendment to the Price Control Act dumps the issue right into Gov. Dewey's back yard.

All other national farm bodies, as well as all labor and consumer groups, are demanding that Congress extend OPA without amendment.

The Milk Producers organization is dominated by the Dairymen's League, its New York State affiliate. The League is the most powerful organization in rural New York and is the chief influence in shaping its politics.

Right now, the League is involved in a lawsuit brought against it by OPA for violating price ceilings in selling to small dealers. Like other "cooperatives" in the Association, the League is a major milk distributor. It is closely allied with the Borden Company.

### FIGHT CONTROL

The OPA took its fight against the Department to the courts and won out.

Besides being involved in an OPA lawsuit, the League is also involved in a shake-up of its leadership. Its president, Fred H. Sexauer, recently resigned because he disagreed with the violent anti-OPA position taken by the Board of Directors, a position, incidentally, which is costing the farmers who belong to the

League a lot of money in cancelled government subsidies.

Moving up into Sexauer's place to take over the fight against OPA is League vice-president Henry Rath-

bun, member of the Republican State Executive Committee and liaison man between the Governor and the farm organizations.

The Governor's actions have been

### An Editorial

## Act Against Inflation

PRESIDENT TRUMAN is against the Wherry amendment to send prices skyrocketing. The CIO and the AFL are against it. So are the nation's leading farm and consumer organizations.

Who is for it? Well, just a handful of lobbyists for special interests which think they can cash in on runaway inflation.

This seems to have been enough to put the amendment across in the Senate. Will it be enough in the House? Will the House listen to the spokesmen for the people or to a few well-heeled lobbyists?

The House Banking and Currency Committee will have to answer this question in the next couple of days. And the issue then will be go to the floor of the House.


It was hardly an impressive demonstration of democracy at work that most members of the Banking and Currency Committee didn't even bother to stick around to hear witnesses for labor and progressive consumer groups who finally got a sympathetic hearing before the Consumer Protection Committee of Congressmen organized to fight for OPA.

But the Banking and Currency Committee did give earnest attention to a NAM representative who urged that the price control act be modified to provide a "fair profit" on every item of manufactured goods. If the Wherry amendment were not enough, this proposal would just about guarantee the wildest inflation.

It is not going to be easy to make Congress listen to the insistent demand of millions of Americans that the price control act be renewed intact without any crippling amendments whatsoever. But this is the job that must be done right now to protect the purchasing power of the average wage earner. Why not tell Rep. Brent Spence (D-Ky) chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee, and your own Congressman where you stand?

constantly hostile to price control. This is, in part, due to his close association with the Dairymen's League crowd. Through its dominating influence in the national Milk Producers Cooperative Association, this crowd has been a leader in the fight against the National Administration's anti-inflation program.

Hence the Governor is conspicuously silent in the current congressional fight to extend OPA, the Republicans in Congress continue their efforts to kill it.

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## Painters Unanimously Reelect Weinstock

Louis Weinstock was unanimously reelected secretary-treasurer of Painters, District Council 9, at Wednesday's meeting of the council following withdrawal of Harry Rosner his only opponent. Earlier, Donald Pasini withdrew his candidacy for the same office.

Unanimous re-election for the post, unprecedented in the council's stormy history, was seen as the finish to a long period of factional strife. The past year had already indicated that the basis upon which the union's strife had been feeding is fading out.

In three of the council's 10 locals the business agent post, too, is uncontested. The election on Saturday June 30, will affect the business agent posts of seven other locals. Campaigning in those cases while vigorous, does not carry much of the old factional character.

### STRESS UNITY

Preceding Weinstock's re-election at the council, leaders of forces who in the past fought him bitterly, rose to stress the need of unity in face of new contract negotiations.

With contract proposals and post-war planning now dominating thoughts among the painters, the achievement of unity was hailed as of great help in the fight the painters face.

Weinstock first became a storm center in the union in the early thirties when he waged a struggle for rank and file control of the council. He also headed the national movement of hundreds of AFL unions for unemployment insurance. Since 1935, when he first won the secretary-treasurer post Weinstock has been reelected many times, but always after a bitter campaign struggle.

Usually, the policies upon which the Rank and File movement that Weinstock led was built, were obscured by other issues injected into the campaign. Today, however, there is basic unity on the main



LOUIS WEINSTOCK

problems and no longer a base for the old lineups.

Weinstock is well known as a member of national board of Communist Political Association.

## Strike Threat Hits Erie R.R.

BUFFALO, June 14 (UP).—Erie Railroad employees voted today to determine whether a strike shall be called. The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen said that the result will be known next week.

The union charged the company with failure to comply with decisions of the National Railroad Adjustment Bureau involving wage claims.

The vote, taken over the entire system, includes the East Buffalo yard, employing about 900, and road crews to Hornell, Jamestown, Niagara Falls and Meadville, Pa.

If the vote is for strike, the dispute will be referred to the National Railway Mediation Board at Washington for action.

## Casualties Up 5,048 in Week

WASHINGTON, June 14 (UP).—U. S. combat casualties reached 1,017,097 today, a gain of 5,048 since Friday.

The total included 899,952 Army and 117,145 Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard casualties.

The table:

	Army	Navy	Total
Killed	187,369	44,769	232,138
Wounded	553,611	57,402	610,013
Missing	42,710	10,736	53,446
Total	899,952	117,145	1,017,097

## Sauce for Congress At Little Steel Plus

PITTSBURGH, June 14 (UP).—What's good enough for Congressmen should be good enough for workers, District 19 of the United Steelworkers of America, CIO, said today in a formal resolution. District 19 embraces 50,000 workers in the Allegheny Valley and adjacent territory.

The resolution pointed to the \$2,500 expense allotment voted for each member of the House, and said that President Truman had suggested an additional increase for Congressmen. It also cited the President's declaration that the Little Steel formula will not be broken at this time.

"Failure to adjust the formula

## Hutcheson Compels AFL Ban on Joint Charter Action

William L. Hutcheson, Republican die-hard chief of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, has cracked the whip against AFL cooperation with CIO even in connection with the labor-industry charter, signed jointly with the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. Hutcheson, who has no objection to cooperation with industry but flatly opposes unity with other sections of labor, took his stand at the last AFL executive council meeting in Washington.

## 350,000 Textile Workers Get 5c-Hour Raise

ATLANTA, June 14 (AP).—An estimated 350,000 to 400,000 southern textile workers have been granted wage increases of at least five cents hourly, the fourth regional War Labor Board announced here.

Board Chairman M. T. Van Hecke said the WLB had approved voluntary applications for wage adjustments along the lines of the national WLB textile decision covering 321 southeastern firms during May and is now acting on similar requests from 100 more mills.

He said that all the 321 firms requested authority to grant a five cent across the board increase, while 75 percent asked to establish a 55 minimum wage and at least 5 percent asked authority to pay a five cent third shift differential.

## 246 Are Freed In Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, June 14 (UP).—Newspapers published today a list of 246 persons announced as having been released by the Buenos Aires police after being detained "at the disposition of the executive power."

The phrase "at the disposition of the executive power" commonly is used to indicate political prisoners.

Those released had been detained at three main points used for the detention of political prisoners—the Villa de Vote prison, Martin Garcia and Neuquen. No well known names were listed.

The announcement followed by 12 hours the announcement of complete elimination of incoming and outgoing censorship which was made through the U. S. embassy.

## Marshall to Remain As Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON, June 14 (UP).—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today that Gen. George C. Marshall will stay on the job as army chief of staff. He told a news conference that Marshall will not resign or retire. The unofficial Army and Navy Journal said editorially last week that there were rumors Marshall might resign.

Stimson confirmed overseas reports that the veteran Third and Seventh Armies will serve as the European force of occupation.

First disclosure of what happened at the executive council meeting in this connection was made in the current issue of Hutcheson's union paper, The Carpenter, which carries an article headed "The Traditional AFL Position."

There the council is asserted to have endorsed the charter but to have banned participation in meetings or actions with the CIO. So far the council officially has neither confirmed or denied this report.

Hutcheson's stand in this connection recalls his election campaign position last fall when he brought forward a Republican labor program virtually identical with that of the National Association of Manufacturers. On the charter, too, his position dovetails with the NAM, which has refused to participate, though invited to be a co-signer with the U. S. Chamber, the AFL and the CIO.

HUTCHESON ARTICLE  
Here is the Hutcheson article from The Carpenter:  
"Among the matters to which the AFL executive committee gave its attention at a recent meeting in Washington, D.C., was the matter of the postwar charter, recently signed by Bill Green, president of the AFL, and Eric Johnston, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. [CIO President Philip Murray was also a signer but Hutcheson leaves this out.—ed.]

"By unanimous action of the committee members, the principles and precepts laid down in the charter were subscribed to and endorsed. However, the committee took further action. Officers of the AFL were instructed to notify the U. S. Chamber of Commerce that AFL representatives would not attend meetings called for the purpose of implementing provisions of the charter if representatives of dual labor groups were invited.

"A similar stand was taken recently by our General President William L. Hutcheson, when the Indiana State Chamber of Com-

mence called a meeting of labor and industry to discuss postwar problems. Our president signified himself ready and willing to meet with industry representatives and government officials at any time to discuss such matters but not in the presence of representatives from dual organizations or other left-handed so-called 'labor' groups."

## Minor at Phila. Rally Today

PHILADELPHIA, June 14.—Robert Minor, national vice-president of the Communist Political Assn. and associate editor of the Daily Worker will speak in Philadelphia tomorrow night (Friday) at the Academy of Music. His topic is: The San Francisco World Charter. Minor will speak instead of Earl Browder who was earlier scheduled to speak.

Tickets for the Academy meeting, which is under CPA sponsorship, range from 50 cents to a dollar. They are being distributed through the Communist Offices at 250 S. Broad St. and the Locust Bookshop, 222 S. 11th St.

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## WLB Tips on Cutting Wages

THE Greater New York CIO Council is to be commended for so vigorously taking to task War Labor Board director Theodore W. Kheel for his "very instructive seminar for employers in the art of cutting wages." While Kheel was handing out wage-cutting tips before the Commerce and Industry Association of New York, Chairman George W. Taylor of the WLB was giving similar advice at a luncheon of the Chicago Association of Commerce.

Mr. Taylor raises the worn-out bugaboo of "inflation," a cry that employers have been raising against wage demands since the earliest stages of labor organization.

What has become of the War Labor Board's own report to the President last February in which an upward revision of wage ceilings after V-E Day was held out as a promise? It seems to have gone the way of so many other pre-V-E Day promises.

Is the Kheel-Taylor lecture tour the answer to Presidents Murray and Green of the CIO and AFL who asked President Truman several days ago to lift wage ceilings 20 percent? In the absence of action from the White House, workers will naturally feel inclined to accept Kheel and Taylor as spokesmen of the administration.

It is high time double-talk ended. Issuing on the one hand flowery statements on the importance of maintaining the purchasing power of the people and on the other hand, advising employers on wage-cutting tricks, won't deceive very long.

Now that the WLB's heads have made their thoughts so plain, isn't it time for the AFL and CIO to get together for a joint effort to block their policy? If vigorous counteraction is not taken immediately, we can rest assured that the employers will not miss the hints they received. They will not miss an opportunity to roll out a sweeping wage-cutting drive.

## An Easier Atmosphere

THE country is certainly relieved at the obvious improvement in relations with the Soviet Union as reflected in President Truman's press conference on Wednesday morning and in the resumption of discussions on the Polish problem.

The improvement in relations is unmistakable and embraces a series of developments. One of them is the formation of the joint council for the administration of Germany. Another is the clarification of American and British policy on the unanimity issue in San Francisco. A third is the temporary resolution of the Trieste affair. Everyone hopes that this improvement is actually part of a deeper trend, and that the forthcoming Big Three conference will not only liquidate previous issues but lay a basis for avoiding future ones. Certainly, that is the desire of the average American.

But in order to realize this universal hope, it will be necessary to understand why there was such an alarming deterioration of American-Soviet relations after the Yalta accord. The President tells us, for example, that the State Department's position on the 16 or 18 arrested Poles has been modified. But if that is so, it constitutes a serious reflection on the State Department itself that the arrest of these Poles could have been used in such a provocative fashion only four weeks ago.

It is all very well to say that the Soviet Union has proven itself cooperative on all sorts of issues, but that was always apparent to all Americans who had not been poisoned by anti-Soviet bias. The fact is that the Soviet Union has not fought for any principles other than those previously agreed upon at Yalta. And the difficulties of recent weeks arose because powerful reactionary circles—inside and outside the State Department—were attempting to depart from the Yalta agreement.

They tried that on Poland, on the veto question, on the previously-defined boundaries of occupation in Germany. Instead of upholding the Yalta decisions, many governmental figures were capitulating to the extreme reactionaries. If our government is now returning to the Yalta accords that is fine. But in all honesty, that presupposes that the United States, not other allies, made the original departure.

We are therefore in no mood to anticipate the outcome of the Big Three meeting, or the Polish discussions, although the present signs are favorable. The enemies of great power unity are still active, all around us. The London Poles have by no means given up their goals, and they still have very powerful friends in high places. The country breathes easier these days, but there is no ground for relaxing popular vigilance and popular participation in molding our foreign policy.

## NO TIME FOR VACATIONS



— Toward Freedom —

## Polltax Repeal and FEPC

by Doxey Wilkerson

IT IS important to understand the basis of bitter congressional opposition to FEPC and to polltax repeal. If we know the nature and the motives of our enemy, we are better armed for the struggle.

This week saw House passage of the polltax repeal bill at the conclusion of two days of debate involving some of the most vicious Jew-baiting, Negro-baiting and red-baiting ever heard in the halls of Congress. This week also saw the reactionary Rules Committee reject President Truman's courageous plea for permanent fair employment practice legislation and refuse to allow the FEPC bill to come up for House consideration. Now the main struggle for both measures shifts to the Senate, where filibusters, further name-calling and trickery will be resorted to in an effort to prevent this passage.

These two bills propose nothing more "revolutionary" than to implement two elementary principles of democracy—(1) the right to vote, and (2) the right to employment without racial or religious discrimination. Why, then, are they so violently opposed? Who would gain by their defeat?

Wild and irresponsible charges of "states rights," "Communist plot," "Negro domination," "stab-in-the-back for white Gentiles," and the like, are, of course, pure hog-wash. These are poisonous smoke-screens behind congressional representatives of reaction proceed to do the work of their masters.

### Real Stakes At Issue

But the real stakes at issue are not hard to discern. To keep 10,000,000 white and Negro southerners disfranchised and to relegate Negro workers to an inferior occupational caste is worth billions of dollars annually to certain powerful groups of exploiters in our country.

Just suppose the federal polltax repeal bill is finally passed and enforced, thereby giving the vote to millions of Southern citizens who never had a chance to vote before. Just suppose these millions of new voters begin to clamor for decent schools, health services, justice in the courts, unemployment insurance and

other forms of social security, and especially for decent wages and the right to organize into unions. And suppose they voted for local, state and national representatives who pledge to work for these things, and against those who oppose them?

Is it not clear that any such democratic development would shatter the oligarchic controls and super-exploitation by which a handful of big planters and financiers (many of the latter on Wall Street) now rule and get rich off the labors of the southern masses? And is it not also clear that Rankin and Bilbo and their ilk would quickly lose their jobs as congressional supporters of Bourbon reaction? This is why the anti-polltax bill is so bitterly fought.

### If FEPC Becomes Permanent

Just suppose the Fair Employment Practice Committee is made permanent, and becomes increasingly effective in breaking down racial and religious discriminations in employment. And suppose, with these artificial barriers gone, millions of white and Negro workers begin to work together on a basis of equality, to form many new personal friendships and closer bonds of unity and comradeship in their union organizations.

Is it not clear that the profits now made from Negro-white wage differentials would disappear? Is it not clear that the power of the labor movement to protect workers from exploitation would be greatly enhanced? Is it not clear that the big-money boys who now dominate our government in their own selfish interests would have to yield more and more to the demands of people's organizations in their growing struggles for democracy and security? This is why FEPC legislation is so bitterly fought.

The main power of the opposition comes from the main class forces of reaction—semi-feudalistic landlords who hold great plantations and control the lives of millions of white and

Negro workers in the South, northern financiers who hold mortgages on the southern plantations, and powerful businessmen and industrialists in both the North and South who define their profit-seeking interests in anti-labor and anti-democratic terms. These are the main forces we are fighting.

### Political Reaction

It is evident that the main opponents of FEPC and polltax repeal are also the most powerful enemies of Anglo-Soviet-American cooperation for enduring peace, of effective OPA measures to protect the wartime living standards of the people, of wage increases commensurate with living-cost increases, of decent standards of unemployment and health insurance, of federal planning for full employment—indeed of all major programs to strengthen democracy and security for the people of America.

The root sources of political reaction are much the same, whether the immediate issue be FEPC or Dumbarton Oaks. And the triumph of reaction on any one of these issues increases the peril of them all.

Thus, the struggle for polltax repeal and FEPC is a struggle to consolidate and strengthen precisely those democratic forces of national unity upon whom we all must depend for peace, security and enlarging freedom. Moreover, it is a struggle we can win. It is a struggle we have simply got to win.

We can break the threatened filibuster and pass the polltax repeal bill, restore the temporary FEPC appropriation, and pass the permanent FEPC bill in the Senate; and we can guarantee House approval of both FEPC measures. We can do these things—if the organization of the people get quickly into the fight and bring their overwhelming democratic pressure to bear upon Congress.

We really can win these FEPC and polltax fights—and we've simply got to do it!

## — Worth Repeating —

SAVE THE FEPC is the title of an editorial in the New York Post of June 14, in which the responsibility resting on New York and the Republican Representatives for the petition to get the bill out of committee is stressed as follows: Indications are that two-thirds of the signatures so far on the petition are Democratic; that three-fourths of the Republican Representative from New York state have, so far failed to sign, and that Republicans could, if they wanted to, produce scores more signatures than are needed.



# CPA Discussion Page

Open to All CPA Members—Send Your Contributions to Communist Political Association, 35 E. 12 St., N. Y. C.

## Sees Only Dissolution As a Major Mistake

Dear Mr. Browder:

I have just finished reading Duclos' article and your introduction. In that introduction you show a courage, an integrity and scientific thinking that made me proud to be a member of the CPA, that restores my confidence in our ability to face problems and reach the correct conclusions. As long as we keep this approach our ultimate victory is certain.

I rather agree that the dissolution of the CP was a mistake. I don't agree with all Mr. Duclos' other statements. I think the analysis that for some time our problem in America is to make capitalism work is still correct although discussions may change my views.

The lesson I think to be learned from this is the need of more individual responsibility toward policy and less dogmatic thinking—some-

thing that has always been advocated from the top, but on the lower levels rarely carried out for the lack of the understanding and courage for thorough examination. I believe you made a mistake in advocating the dissolution of the CP, but that the 80,000 American Communists who almost blindly followed that mistake bear the real responsibility for the consequences. Certainly you were never a tutor to dogmatic thinking or blind loyalties.

Because I am a trade union leader I will personally take a lot of heat for whatever adjustments in policy we make. That is a very small price to pay to see the Communists again scientifically and courageously critical of their own policies.

With sincere confidence in your leadership and the American Communists, I am proudly "A Communist."

A CPA MEMBER.

## Says Browder Relied On the Wrong Theories

Dear Comrade Browder:

Recognizing the correctness and validity of the National Board Resolution, I would like to express my opinion that it was entirely comprehensive, even for one of your stature, to have made mistakes in the complex situation imposed upon us by the war.

I see your mistake as one of wrong emphasis, relying too much on the bourgeoisie to carry out the mandates of the forward march of history. It is well to know that historic compulsions do move the bourgeoisie, sometimes in a progressive direction. But our chief role as Communists is to speed the locomotive of progress by the active mobilization of its engineers, the working class. Theories which depend on evolution as such, or on other classes, to do the job cannot be valid.

What distinguishes the Communists from any other group claiming to give leadership to the workers is that we see the need for the workers themselves to fight for their own needs, never for one moment relying on other classes to do it for them. I remember some time back in teaching new members' classes, pointing out to our new comrades the great power of the people when set into motion under our leadership. The knowledge of this gave them true inspiration to go and carry out their Communist tasks.

Your ability, Comrade Browder, to make correct Marxist predictions has been consistent. Over the years your forecasts have come true. But they became reality only because the people were set into motion to put them into effect.

Your recent writings, however, did have the tendency to make us self-satisfied and sit back in our arm chairs. The glowing postwar prospects put forward by you (if the capitalists were only smart enough to see the light)—such a position in itself has the effect of immobilizing the people. It should have been made clear at all times that all gains made by the workers have never heretofore been realized without a tough struggle and that any further gains made by them will have to be wrung from the capitalists by strongly organized action led by labor.

This all sounds very elementary but it is apparent that we must return to fundamentals. Your policy did in fact lead to immobilization in many instances already pointed out by others (the appointment of

Stettinius, Trieste, Greece, the seating of the Argentine delegates).

Let me not be counted, however, among those who, because you have erred, forget the great contributions you have made in the past and your potentialities for service to the working class in the future.

I remember well your own statement that only those who do nothing make no mistakes. We are now in the process of correcting those mistakes. The deep love and respect the American workers have for you, Comrade Browder, will not diminish but be greatly enhanced when you, together with all of us in the Communist Political Association, go on to carry out the tasks correctly outlined for us in the National Board Resolution.

JEAN SMITH

Brighton-Manhattan Beach Club, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## Finds Considerable Merit in Both Browder and Foster Positions

Dear Sirs:

The discussion on the resolution of the National Board makes it quite plain that there is considerable merit in the positions of both Foster and Browder. While I believe that the resolution deserves our energetic support, I feel that it is not necessary to accept or reject the Browder viewpoint in toto.

Duclos is justified in attacking an overly optimistic view envisaging postwar cooperation between the forces of labor and trusted monopoly capital. The rapid drives toward reaction launched by sections forming part of the Anglo-American coalition indicate the need for a militant antifascist struggle spearheaded by labor and its organized political vanguard, the Communists. The course of action outlined by the resolution must be the agenda for all who wish to serve humanity's interest by opposing a criminal war of rapacity against the Soviet Union and/or the free peoples beginning to adopt democracy to their needs in Europe and Asia.

This is not to deny the unfairness of the charge in the Duclos article that the Browder policies seriously weakened the cause of progress in the U. S. A. by dangerously deviating from a true Marxist-Leninist interpretation of the Teheran and Yalta conferences. One

## Memorial Day In a Phila. Shop

Editors:

I am not great shakes as a Marxist, but just the same as a workingman I want to add my contribution to the discussion.

This Friday an incident took place in my shop which in its simple way greatly clarified my understanding of our future activities as Communists, and of our attitude towards capitalism in general (outside of individual progressive-minded capitalists). For the first time in two years we did not get paid for the Memorial Day holiday. This act symbolic of the very nature of capitalism—the basic antagonism of the workingman and the boss. He is beginning to assert the basic arrogance of almost all owners—If you don't like it—quit.

And now I want to take issue with only one of the points Browder makes in his discussion of the Resolution. He feels that the ideological differences of the capitalist nations and the Soviet Union are only surface conflicts. With this, I must disagree. Such a position can only be true under the following conditions:

1. Where millions of progressive Americans had never heard of Socialism.

2. Where there never had been any American parties or groups fighting and educating for planned economy and Socialism.

3. Where a tremendous Socialist literature does not exist.

Since the reality is just the opposite and since the Socialist Soviet Union represents the ideal for which millions of Americans look to with hope, then the very existence and development of a socialist land represents a source of real irritation to capitalism. No, this is not a superficial ideological difference.

The logical development of Browder's ideas must inevitably lead American Communism into the same as Social-Democracy and make us play the reactionary role of wiping out progressive America.

Browder's new theories must be completely rejected and I am sure that Communists will wholeheartedly accept the Resolution of the National Board.

J. B., Philadelphia, Pa.

## Unity Does Not Mean Passivity

Comrade Duclos in his article has, I feel, made a real contribution to Marxist thinking in this country by awakening us to the dangers inherent in the present world situation. His initiative has helped to eliminate some of the smug complacency which even the events of the past few months had not fully erased. It would, however, be his wish, I am sure, that we use the stimulus given by this article to arrive at our independent decisions, based on our study of Marxist-Leninism, and on our knowledge of the American scene and our contacts with the American masses.

It is significant that the Communists in the trade union movement never really carried out in full the line followed by our Association during the past 18 months. An instance of this is the question of the postwar no-strike pledge. Communists throughout the trade union movement failed to push this issue, partly because of uncertainty as to its correctness, and partly because the masses of the workers were obviously unwilling to accept such an idea.

The confusion attending the Greek events of a few months ago is another example of this. At that time, I was present at a union meeting where, at the insistence of the rank and file of the workers, a resolution was passed condemning the British government for its actions. Yet the Communist leadership of this local union remained completely silent throughout the entire discussion. They did not dare to oppose the action, yet they were uncertain and uneasy about it.

While this situation was helped a few days later by Comrade Browder's forthright remarks on the Greek events, it nevertheless reflected the tendencies that were pulling Communists in the trade unions in two directions at once—their feeling that the Association recommended soft-pedaling of any direct attacks on British and American imperialism, and, on the other hand, the pressure of the trade union masses for a more militant policy.

The approach of the Association during the past year and a half has left us to a considerable extent demobilized and disarmed. We have tended to impute to monopoly capital virtues which it does not possess, and to surrender to the monopolies the leadership in the fight against fascism. This has left us dangerously unprepared for the breaks and divisions in the anti-fascist camp which began well before the complete defeat of Nazi Germany. It is still important, however, to continue the fight for the broadest possible unity behind a progressive, anti-fascist postwar program. This unity must be broad enough to include any sections of big business which will support this program. The split which has existed within the ranks of monopoly capital in both Britain and America since the days of the Spanish Civil War, if not in fact since the rise of Hitlerism, has some basis for continuing.

Certain sections of the American bourgeoisie have been motivated in their support for the programs of Teheran and Yalta not so much by a fear of Germany as by a recognition of the strength and invincibility of the Soviet Union. (It is significant that the Teheran agreement was not signed until after the great Soviet victory at Stalingrad, when the power of the Red Army was demonstrated.) This motivation continues into the postwar period, and should not be ignored in our thinking.

It would be inexcusable and dan-

gerous to fail to do everything in our power to seek unity with this section of the big bourgeoisie. I do not know how large this section may be, and I certainly would not call it "decisive" because I feel that the term is misleading. The pro-war sections of monopoly capital were obviously "decisive" in the 1944 elections, for it is apparent that Roosevelt would not have been reelected without their support. The "decisive" factors in future situations will be determined by the relationship of forces at the time, and by our work in molding those forces.

In seeking the broadest possible unity, however, we must avoid the danger of surrendering our leading position in the working class. This weakness has certainly existed in the past period. We must work actively to mobilize all possible segments of the population in a fight for unity behind the program stated in Part I of the National Board resolution of June 2.

We have sometimes acted in the past as though the realization of this program were inevitable—we must realize now that this is possible only through the active struggle and leadership of the working class, in united effort with farmers, professionals, small business men and such sections of monopoly capital as are prepared to join with us. Just as the courageous and effective struggle of the Soviet Union caused increasing sections of world monopoly capital to join in the fight against German fascism so will our greater leadership and our increased effectiveness in the struggle for our program gain for it the support of such sections of the American bourgeoisie as may be undecided on their course for the coming period.

I do not feel that the change in the structure of our movement is as basic a question as the problems I have discussed above. It is, however, a very important point, and should be answered clearly. I do not feel that the National Board resolution gives a clear answer to this question.

While it is a moot point whether the change in structure contributed in any manner to the victory in the 1944 elections, I feel that it has clearly served a purpose in giving our movement the opportunity to be more effective in the American political set-up. The Communist Party was never able to function as a political party in the American sense of the word. Its use of the name "Party," particularly in a period when the broadest political work is an urgent necessity, can serve to create confusion and to make unclear the direction of our most effective work.

The two-party system does not exist in perpetuity, it is true, but it is strongly entrenched; there is little doubt that we will have to operate within that system for some time to come. It is still fully possible for us to function as an independent political party of the working class in the Marxist sense, while maintaining the Association structure. Whenever and wherever the time is ripe for a third party movement, progressive forces will undoubtedly work for its formation!

I do not fully agree with the use in the National Board resolution of the terms "opportunism," "revisions of Marxism-Leninism," etc. To my way of thinking, this partakes too much of breast-beating and self-castigation, and too little of clear analytical thinking. I feel, in addition, that the National Board resolution, as written, requires certain clarifications.

—A TRADE UNIONIST.

BERNARD G. WINTER,  
New York City.



# Urge United Nations Break With Fascist Portugal

Members of the United Nations must break diplomatic relations with Portugal's dictatorship, the Portuguese American Committee for Democracy declared yesterday. Portuguese fascism, if not curbed, will imperil world peace, the committee warned in a memorandum submitted to the United Nations Conference at San Francisco and made public here.

"Portuguese dictator Oliveira Salazar still enjoys good diplomatic relations with most of the United Nations, notwithstanding the fact that he has abolished the fundamental freedoms of his people, that he packs jails and concentration camps with his opponents, and has even dared of-

cially to mourn the death of Adolph Hitler," the memo said.

"His agents have free access to the Foreign Offices of all countries, to the world press, and even to your Conference," the memorandum, signed by Dr. Joao Camoesas continued, "Portuguese democrats, who are true representatives of the Portuguese nation, continue to be treated as outcasts."

If the Portuguese dictatorship survives, the committee warned, "a refuge for the remainder of fanatic Nazi-fascists will be open, geographically so well situated that from there the modern tools of destruction can easily strike at the Western Hemisphere."

After listing Salazar's pro-Nazi actions before and during the European war, the memorandum concluded with an appeal to the United Nations "that conditions be created which will permit (the Portuguese people) freely to choose their own destiny, work out their own liberation, rid themselves of their oppressors and build a true and lasting democracy."

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**RATES:** What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 35¢ per line (6 words to a line—3 lines minimum).  
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### Tonight—Manhattan

**REVIEW OF THE WEEK, Friday, 8:45 p.m.** "China Today and Our State Department." Harold Collins will discuss the current problems of Chinese unity, and U. S. State Department policy in the Far East. Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave., cor. 18th St., 50c.

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### Tomorrow—Manhattan

**THE VETERANS** of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade invite all their members to welcome home their comrades from all over the world at a party, Saturday evening, June 16th at 45 MacDougal St., near Houston St. Subs. \$1.

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**MIKE GOLD** will speak Sunday evening on "United States and the Peace of the world." Brighton Community Center, 3200 Coney Island Ave., B'klyn.

**NEGRO FREEDOM RALLY, Monday, June 25, 7:30 p.m.** Madison Square Garden. Paul Robeson, Fredric March, Canada Lee, Libby Holman and Josh White. Hazel Scott. Tickets 50c to \$1.50 at 308 Lenox Ave. Telephone: ATwater 9-4670.

### Philadelphia

**ROBERT MINOR** will speak at Academy of Music, Broad and Locust Sts., Friday, June 15th, 8:30 p.m. Jefferson Chorus singing "The Lonesome Train." Tickets \$1, 75c, 50c including tax. Reserved seats at \$1.50 on sale at 250 S. Broad St. FEN. 1874. Locust Bookshop, 269 S. 11th St. Preheat Office, 9th and Pine Sts., and neighborhood club centers.

## Questions On A Correction

It seems there was a typographical error in the newspaper PM last Tuesday in the editorial by Max Lerner replying to a GI on Okinawa. Since yesterday's article by Joseph Starobin was in part based on this typographical error, we bring it to our readers' attention.

Lerner was published as saying that "we may find the Chinese Reds continuing their lethal civil struggle" after the war, a conception which Starobin criticized. It seems that Lerner actually had written: "We may find Chiang Kai-shek and the Chinese Reds continuing their lethal civil struggle."

Very well. Yet the main question remains whether such an even-handed approach toward problems of Chinese unity can pass for analysis in PM?

Are the Chinese Communists pressing civil war in China, or are they being attacked by Chiang Kai-shek?

Are the Communists blockading the city of Chungking, or is the Kuomintang blockading the city of Yenan?

Was all of Dr Lerner's piece a typographical error—or only this one phrase?

## Soviet Labor Leader Says Polish Unions Should Be in World Body

By JOHN FISHER

**Wireless to Allied Labor News**  
**MOSCOW, June 14.**—There is no reason why the Polish trade union movement should be discriminated against when the world labor conference reconvenes in Paris in September, Yassil Kuznetsov, chairman of the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions, stated here this week.

"The true representatives of the Polish workers are not Jan Stanczyk (Polish Socialist who was admitted to the London labor conference) but the leaders of Polish trade unions built on democratic principles," he said.

Kuznetsov has just returned from San Francisco, where he was a member of the official Soviet delegation to UNCIO and participated in world labor conference administrative committee meetings. The most important achievement

## FOREIGN BRIEFS — Mikhailovitch Escape?

At this late date, Britain professes a hands-off policy on GREECE. Don't be surprised. Minister of State Richard K. Law told Commons it's "hands off" in the cases of three anti-fascist resistance leaders sentenced to death by the British-dominated Greek government. . . . Moscow radio reported rumors that Draza MIKHAILOVITCH, Yugoslav traitor, has escaped to Turkey with a false passport. . . . DANISH workers and freedom fighters are impatient with government delays in removing collaborators from public office. . . . The Danish Social Democratic Party will establish party courts to investigate accusations brought against its own members. . . . Reconstruction of devastated ROTTERDAM is being held up by lack of supplies plus opposition of the city council to a "sociological" building program. In other words, the council-dominated by prewar city councillors—isn't too interested in workers' quarters and public recreational facilities, planners charge.

Dr. Hans FUCHS, Allied-appointed German administrator of the Rhine Province, admitted to UP that he was "being obliged to employ some former Nazi Party members," and claimed there are no signs of a Nazi underground. . . . BERLIN'S police force is being made up of volunteers, and none who was a policeman under the Nazis is admitted. . . . Berlin University's little-damaged library will soon be reopened to the public.

The 35,000th tank to be produced by a giant plant in the Soviet URALS was lifted onto a pedestal and dedicated as a war memorial. . . . The SOVIET Heavy Machine Building Workers Union has a bill of \$4,600,000 to present to the Germans for wanton destruction of its clubs, theaters, camps, radio stations, libraries. . . . One thousand citizens, meeting in Boston, expressed concern at current anti-Soviet press campaigns, and urged President Truman and Secretary of State Stettinius to offset this and follow President Roosevelt's foreign policies.

of the administrative committee, Kuznetsov said, is that the WFTU "will be of a democratic character and that its doors will be open to all trade unions concerned with the vital interests of the working class. Whoever is sincerely interested in improving the lot of the working class and in prolonged and stable peace cannot stand aloof."

Asked what he thought about the position of the AFL, Kuznetsov replied: "I think what tens of millions of other organized workers are thinking, not only in the Soviet Union but in Great Britain, the U. S. and other freedom-loving countries.

"The obstinacy of AFL leaders in their refusal to have anything to do with international trade union cooperation, their rabid hostility to the USSR and toward Soviet trade unions in particular, are deserving of the strictest condemnation."

## Says Truman Would Welcome DeGaulle Visit

WASHINGTON, June 14 (UP).—White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said today that President Truman has received no word from Gen. Charles de Gaulle about a visit to Washington but would welcome him if and when he came here.

A French source here reported, however, that De Gaulle was ready to come at any time after June 18 but that he had received no direct invitation from Mr. Truman.

June 18 marks the fifth anniversary of the day De Gaulle made his first speech as leader of the Fighting French. It was understood he wished to remain in Paris for commemorative festivities.

## Nenni, Togliatti Bar Parri as Premier

ROME, June 14 (UP).—Ferruccio Parri, Action Party chief and deputy commander of the northern partisan forces, arrived here tonight for scheduled conferences at which Prince Humbert, lieutenant general

of the realm, is expected to ask him to head a new government.

Pietro Nenni and Palmiro Togliatti, Socialist and Communist leaders respectively, have stated that they will not participate in a government headed by Parri. In addition, Foreign Minister Alcide de Gasperi has hinted that he too may absent himself from such a cabinet.

At the same time, Humbert concluded a series of exploratory conferences with political leaders the purpose of sounding them out on other possible candidates for the premiership. Count Carlo Sforza, Marshal Pietro Badoglio and Grand Adm. Thaon de Revel took part in the discussions.

Immediately upon Parri's arrival from Milan, he began consultations with leaders of Italy's six dominant political parties in an effort to reach a compromise.

## 3 Chinese Officials Executed for Theft

KUMMING, China, June 14 (UP).—Three high Chinese officials have been executed for theft and extortion in the handling of military supplies for use in the continental counter-offensive against Japan, it was announced today.

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## Mr. Editor

## One Expose Does Not Preclude the Other

New York.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

The first two of Harry Raymond's articles on electric rates are interesting, but seem more than a little removed from immediate problems. The Daily Worker ought to be hammering on those issues which are most immediate and vital for the people. Such problems of food supply and clothing are a lot more pressing than electric bills. Digging out the facts on the meat shortage is much more immediately important than Consolidated Edison's rate of profit.

Newspaper space and personnel are precious, too precious to spend on issues that, for the moment, this month and next, are somewhat academic. Electric rates ARE much too high, but I'm much more concerned about the fact that in the last 10 days I've had one serving of fresh meat.

H. BLOCK.

(Ed. Note: One expose does not preclude the others. The position of monopoly in the electric field is a big question at present, as is meat, too.)

## Herbert Hoover's Bad Record

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Hoover!!! To handle food??—Bah!!!

Workers, awaken and arise in loud, loud accord by a strong protest against such a move.

I'm so sure that many of you will remember the Rainbow sugar of World War I, no butter. The apple-sellers on the streets, soup lines, people dropping dead standing in line for hours waiting to get a few lumps of coal. The Hoovervilles on the meadows on the Newark Swamps and other marshy places all over the country.

Surely you remember the treatment the Vets got when they trekked to Washington, D. C., demanding their Bonus money in order to live like people. Evictions galore.

Mr. Editor, I implore you to try to give the readers of this grand paper a little more light on this shady character, by giving them points of information from the book—"The Strange Career of Mr. Hoover." I agree with the "Union Man's" letter from Newark in this week's Worker 100 percent. Should Hoover get this position I can only say "God help us all," V. M.

## Suggests Bulletin On Legislation

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In your recent column in the Daily Worker, Labor Facts, you gave a list of bulletins, etc., sources on pending legislation.

I wish to inform you that there is one excellent bulletin issued monthly that you failed to list. It is put out by the American Jewish Congress, 1834 Broadway, New York 23, Commission on Law and Legislation by Judge Nathan D. Perlman. It is excellent as a guide to legislation dealing with race, creed or color in the country.

A. R.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

## A Mule Is Not an Elephant, GI Learned

WASHINGTON, June 14 (UP).—Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., is a resourceful man, but he had some trouble making horse cavalymen out of young Americans who didn't know a mule's back from its neck.

The Third Army commander, an old cavalryman himself, organized an impromptu cavalry unit in Sicily. It was fairly effective, but very unorthodox. He told about it today at Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson's news conference.

"We had 900 immortal heroes mounted on jackasses, bulls, horses and everything," he said. "Young Americans have a magnificent ignorance about animals. Though they can all drive cars, very few can saddle a horse."

"Once I encountered a soldier on a mule with a saddle on his neck. He thought he had to stop to salute. The mule stopped and put down

his head and the soldier went this way (Patton described an arc with his hands).

"Does that happen often?" I asked him.

"Everytime it stops," he replied.

"Why don't you put the saddle on his back?" I asked.

"The only thing I ever rode before was an elephant, and I sat on his head," he replied.

"So you see," Patton continued, "you have a hard time extemporizing cavalry."

## MAGIC MEN

He was asked "what sort of magic" he used to build Third Army morale.

"I had the happiness to command some great men," he replied.

Patton said he wanted to correct an impression created when he was quoted in Boston that a lot of soldiers got killed "because they were damned fools."

He said so many references have been made to the heroic dead that he was trying to make the point that there are many living heroes too.

He had warm praise for U. S. armor, which frequently was criticized as no match for heavier German tanks. He said the Third Army destroyed 2,300 enemy tanks, 890 of them Panthers or Tigers, and lost a little less than half that number.

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But as good as U. S. armor was, he said, this war still could have used some horses.

"If we had had a brigade or a division of horse cavalry in Tunisia

or Sicily," he said, "our bag of Germans would have been greater."

He said this was so because:

"An advancing infantryman goes, say, N miles an hour. A retreating soldier goes N plus one miles. So the man going N miles an hour can't catch him. But a man on a horse can go N plus three and get him."

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# Johannes Steel Tells Of His Visit To Europe

by Samuel Sillen

JOHANNES STEEL was dictating the text of a broadcast when I visited him at his office the other day. The news analyst interrupted himself to greet me. "I'm just on the subject of a mutual friend of ours," he said. "Congressman Rankin."

Mr. Steel turned to his secretary and wound up his script with a characteristic punch line: "It is now apparent that the only way 13,000,000 returning veterans will get a fair deal is replace John A. Rankin as chairman of the House World War Veterans Legislation Committee."

This is the kind of plain-speaking that has won a loyal audience for Mr. Steel's nightly commentary over WHN. It had the blunt, frank, militantly progressive ring that impresses you in reading his new book *The Future of Europe* (Holt, \$3).

WE GOT to talking about his audience response.

Mr. Steel receives about 10,000 letters a week. Several of his fans arrived later on to sit in on his broadcast. One was a soldier pushing off for the Pacific in a few days. He was anxious to meet in person "one news analyst who doesn't crawl."

But the commentator has earned his enemies too. About 10 percent of his mail is scorching abuse from Coughlinites and other native fascists. These he doesn't seem to take as seriously as the higher-ups who have exerted tremendous pressure on out-of-town sponsors of his program—every out-of-town outlet has a different sponsor. Mr. Steel cited a number of instances where organized threats to boycott his sponsors' products had resulted in the cancellation of his program.

It is obviously not easy sledding for a genuinely independent news commentator. The "free radio" myth has about as much substance as the "free press" illusion. And this is especially true of the large networks, where even the best of the analysts trim their sails.

I ASKED Mr. Steel about his views on some of the recent developments in Europe, from which he returned a few weeks ago.

What was the mood in London? "Widespread dissatisfaction with Mr. Churchill's foreign policy—a policy which has assumed an ever-increasing reactionary trend." This trend, he added, threatens the people's movements throughout Europe.

On the basis of his visit to Rome, what was his reaction to the Trieste incident? Mr. Steel explained that he had broadcast over a month ago from northern Italy to the effect that the problem of Trieste would come up as a major issue. His visit in Italy convinced him that it would be raised by reactionaries who wanted to strengthen the position of the Italian monarchy. Field Marshal Alexander's attack on Marshal Tito, he says, "is not only in bad taste but also suggests that Field Marshal Alexander evidently does not know what this war was fought for."

Mr. Steel expressed concern about the delay in prosecuting the German war criminals. He called attention to the news that "Germany's raw material stocks on the day of her surrender were still very great indeed." He added a warning note: "With the exception of oil, perhaps, Germany could restart her heavy industry quite easily as far as the raw material question is concerned."

The analyst hit out hard at the anti-Soviet agitators as enemies of the American people's interest. Obviously alarmed by the behavior of our delegation at San Francisco, especially in regard to Argentina and Poland, Mr. Steel emphasized the fight at hand to realize the policies projected at Tehran and Yalta.

These are not slack days for an independent-minded commentator who takes his anti-fascism seriously.

## Many Promising Films in Production in Hollywood

By MILDRED FLEMING

HOLLYWOOD.

There are some really good pictures coming up. For instance RKO's *Back to Bataan* is a gripping drama of Filipino guerilla warfare based on the actual experiences of Col. Clarke and history as it was being made. The deep sincerity with which it was written, directed, and acted shows up on the screen. Dicky Louie as the young Filipino scout is someone you won't soon forget.

For laughs and delightful film don't miss Jack Oakie in *That's the Spirit*. (If the studio can locate him at the racetrack, maybe he will tell us how he did it!)

Possibly not until fall will you get to see *The Southerner*, directed by Jean Renoir. It's the story of the southern share-cropper, "The Grapes of Wrath" of the South—so real that you would swear it is a documentary if you didn't recognize Zachary Scott, Betty Field, and Beulah Bondi. At the preview, there was more applause than I have ever heard accorded any other picture! Paramount will make *The Life of Schalkovsky*, Lillian Hellman's hit play *The Searching Wind* (North Star and Children's Hour were hers, you know), and an epic historical spectacle *California*.

Warner's will do *Task Force* feature-length history of naval aviation from the launching of the old Langley, first carrier, to current operations in the Far East—with the full cooperation of the Navy De-

partment. . . *Pride of the Marines*, story of the war record and romance of Sgt. Al Schmid, blinded hero of Guadalcanal, is being rushed to completion and quick shipment to the Pacific theatre of war, where it will be shown to armed forces concentrating there for the big push on Japan. John Garfield will be seen in the leading role.

Calcutta, another Paramount prospect with Alan Ladd and Bill Bendix, is built around the rugged fliers who pioneered the air route over the world's loftiest mountains, between India and China.

The West Coast hasn't yet seen 20th-Fox's *A Bell for Adano*, but that should be worth waiting for, too. The play, you know won the Pulitzer prize! . . . Another picture of Filipino warfare will be their *American Guerrillas in the Philippines* (with Fred MacMurray) based on the adventures of Lt. Richardson, who wants the film to show "the Filipinos as mighty fine people who have been taking it on the nose ever since the war started but who kept faith and confidence through the many dark days."

*The Shocking Miss Pilgrim* will aim to make you laugh but sympathize with a woman's struggle for a business career in conservative old Boston at a time when Mr. Remington was making his first typewriter.

*The True Glory*, a feature-length film of the battle of Europe starting with the planning for D-Day in England and ending with the signing of the unconditional surrender, will come to us very soon.

## Television and FM To Be Examined At Conference June 23

The potentialities of television and FM as new markets for radio talent will be examined at a Conference of the Arts, Sciences and Professions in the Postwar World, Saturday, June 23 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel under the auspices of the Independent Citizens' Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

Gilbert Seldes, television director of the Columbia Broadcasting System, Peter Lyon, president of the Radio Writers' Guild, and Norman Corwin, chairman of the Radio Division of the Independent Citizens' Committee will speak at the Conference Radio Panel. Open discussion from the floor will follow each paper.

Dr. Edwin Shapley, director of the Harvard College Observatory and winner of this year's Franklin Award, is chairman of the Conference which has been called to consider proposals for a national program for postwar expansion of the arts, sciences and professions.

## Theatre Party For A Democratic South

*Dark of the Moon* has been chosen by the Committee for Equal Justice for Mrs. Mary Taylor and the Southern Negro Youth Congress for a theatre party on June 18.

*Dark of the Moon* is a dramatic legend on the folk ballad Barbara Allen. The play, which features Carol Stone and Richard Hart opened two months ago. The announcement from the sponsoring organizations points out that funds raised through this affair will aid their efforts "for a democratic South in a free world." Tickets are still available and may be reserved by calling ST 9-4552 or MU 2-8629.

## Frank Capra's New Documentary

*War Comes to America*, 66-minute Army feature produced by Col. Frank Capra is now playing at the City Theatre on 14 St. This is the seventh of the Army's orientation *Why We Fight* series made under Capra's supervision. The other six are *Prelude to War*, *Blacks and Conquer*, *The Nazis Strike*, *Battle of Britain*, *Battle of China* and *Battle of Russia*. Two others, *Prelude to War* and *Battle of Russia* have been released for public showing in motion picture theaters.

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Circus Act by Herb Kruckman. Donated by the painter for sale for the benefit of the Seventh War Loan Drive. It is on view at F.A.O. Schwarz Toy Shop, S.W. corner, Fifth Ave. at 58 St.—north window.

## Held Over at the Irving Place Theatre

The delightful comedy *On Approval*, which stars the inimitable Beatrice Lillie, and *The Amateur Gentleman*, with Elissa Landi, Margaret Lockwood and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., are being held over for a second week at the Irving Place Theatre.

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# Late Bulletins

## British Troops Replace French Occupying Italian Valley

PARIS, June 14 (UP).—British troops have marched into the disputed Val d'Aosta and other north Italian border valleys and French troops were being withdrawn to the frontier, a French ministry of information spokesman said today.

(A Paris dispatch to the London Times said that the French and Italian governments were now discussing the status of the valleys.)

Italian troops will not be permitted to penetrate the zone, the French spokesman said.

## Bus Drivers Refuse Overtime Work; City Traffic Snarled

Traffic on all uptown-downtown and cross-town lines of the New York City Omnibus Corp. was jammed yesterday as workers, claiming they could no longer stand the strain of excessive hours, refused to work overtime.

Lines affected were Lexington Ave., Madison Ave., Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, and Lenox Aves., 86th St., 79th St., 96th St., and 116th St.

Approximately 1,400 workers, 1,000 of them drivers, the rest maintenance crews, are affected by the decision which they said was aimed at promoting public safety and preventing accidents.

Members of Local 100, CIO Transport Workers Union, they decided to work "only their regularly scheduled runs" at meetings held yesterday and today.

They charged that company failure to improve wages and working conditions placed back-breaking demands on them and made it impossible to attract new personnel to relieve the labor shortage.

The drivers' new starting rate is 71 cents an hour and it takes four years, in slow stages, to reach the \$1 a hour maximum, it was said.

### NO NEW MEN

Because of this policy, management was only able to hire 11 new men during the entire past year, despite an acute labor shortage, it was learned.

Douglas L. MacMahon, president TWU Local 100, said drivers had been working 60, 70, 80 and more hours a week since Pearl Harbor but management "stubbornly refused to take the necessary steps" to attract additional personnel.

"Although there are now 20 percent less drivers in New York Omnibus, than before the war," he said, "these men are carrying be-

tween 25 and 50 percent more passengers than in peacetime.

"The Omnibus Corp. is making huge profits yet it has refused to agree to changes in wages and working conditions which other war industries have adopted to solve their unemployment shortages.

## Churchill Hints Big 3 Meet Early in July

LONDON, June 14 (UP).—Prime Minister Winston Churchill, announcing that Britain's accord with the United States is complete and that relations with the Soviet Union have undergone marked improvement, indicated strongly today that the Allied Big Three will meet between July 5 and July 17.

Churchill said that he had invited Maj. Clement Attlee, Labor Party leader, to accompany him to the Big Three meeting because it would be held before results of the British election are announced July 28.

## Stimson Honors Two Negro Port Groups

WASHINGTON, June 14 (UP).—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson today cited two Negro port companies new in the Pacific which have been awarded meritorious service unit plaques.

One, commanded by 1st Lt. Lewis E. Koppitch, Detroit, landed with assault troops on Carlson Island in the Marshalls to prepare port installations in support of the Kwajalein invasion.

The other, commanded by 1st Lt. Glenn E. McCreary, Willoughby, O., was cited for efficiency in ship-loading operations in Honolulu.

Both companies now are stationed in the Hawaiian Islands.

## Monty Relaxes Fraternization Ban

TWENTY-FIRST ARMY GROUP HQ., Germany, June 14 (UP).—Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery announced today that he had relaxed non-fraternization orders in the British occupation zone to permit his soldiers to "speak and play with little children."

Montgomery said that after considering orders forbidding fraternization with German civilians, he had decided "we cannot let up on this policy. But they need no longer be applied to little children."

The order brought the British practice in line with that in the American zone of occupation.

## Truman to Submit Security Charter to Senate

WASHINGTON, June 14 (UP).—The White House said today that President Truman will submit the United Nations Security Charter to the Senate for ratification immediately after conclusion of the San Francisco Conference.

White House press secretary Charles G. Ross dismissed reports, however, that the President has "demanded" that the Senate pass on the charter before its summer recess.

On the contrary, he said, Senate leaders themselves have indicated to Mr. Truman that they wish to take up the charter with a view to ratifying it as soon as possible.

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**They Supplied the Proof:** Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis (standing) congratulates Negro troops who fought in mixed units for their record. "You have proven white and Negro troops can serve—and fight—side by side," Gen. Davis told the famed 104th Timberwolf Division. "You have won the respect and friendship of your comrades." Ten of the Negro soldiers won Silver Star and Bronze Star medals for heroism. In foreground is Maj. Gen. Terry Allen, Timberwolves commanding general.

GUEST COLUMN

by Alphaeus Hunton

## Trade Barriers—at Home and Abroad

NEXT to guaranteeing U. S. control of certain strategic bases, the State Department's most clearly defined policy with respect to the colonial problem at the present time appears to be that of insuring to all states (including the U.S.A.), as the Atlantic Charter expressed it, "access, on equal terms, to the trade and to the raw materials of the world which are needed for their economic prosperity."

This principle was included in the trusteeship proposals of the U. S. delegation at San Francisco. But the British raised objections, as they did also on a number of other points in the proposals—limited and weak though the American plan was. The British argued that lack of limitations on trade and immigration (maybe they were thinking of Palestine?) would in some instances work a hardship on the colonial peoples concerned.

As on most of the other objections raised to the trusteeship plan—the matter of the special status of strategic areas was one notable exception—the American delegates yielded to the British views, adding to the statement of the "open door" principle certain qualifications which will undoubtedly cause difficulties when the time comes to interpret and apply the United Nations Charter.

THIS is a very real problem, for at this very moment American industrialists and exporters are charging that they find British-dominated markets in India, the Middle East and Africa closed to them. They protest against "cartel-like arrangements," in some instances adopted as wartime measures but very likely to be retained, which

shut out non-British trade.

In some instances, certain big British concerns are permitted exclusive right to handle American trade. For example, an African-edited newspaper in Nigeria comments: "We know that certain big firms are selling American goods. We know that in order to protect the sterling, it had become necessary to impose certain restrictions. But we are submitting that if the big firms are able to have access to the wide expanse of the American export trade, then the issue of currency stabilization need not debar smaller firms from doing business with Americans. . . . We wonder what is the situation today—have we free trade with Uncle Sam? If not, why not?"

Americans ought to be asking the same question. Unrestricted foreign trade means not only cheaper, better, and more plentiful goods to people in the colonies; it means full employment and prosperity for us and the rest of the world.

IT IS wishful-thinking, however, for Americans to expect to have Open Sesame to the colonial empires of other nations, if our own policy is one of adherence to an outmoded economic isolationism—or, less politely, imperialism.

The almost unanimous passage of the Bretton Woods agreement by the House was a most welcome step forward. But the rejection of the tariff reduction proposals by the Senate Finance Committee demonstrates that an American program of international economic cooperation is not yet "in the bag." Further indication of this fact is the Anglo-American aloofness toward Soviet-French proposals for a thorough-going Big Five discussion on the Middle East crisis, which represents the clash of conflicting imperialist interests long dominant in that area.

## OPA Outpoints 137 Dealers Here

One hundred and thirty-seven New York food dealers who deposited illegally obtained ration checks in their ration bank accounts will be debited 4,285,000 red points from these accounts, Daniel P. Woolley, regional OPA administrator, announced yesterday. The action, taken against 35 wholesalers and 102 retailers dealing in meat, butter and other red point rationed foods, was the opening gun in a new drive

against violators.

A similar move against an additional 500 dealers is expected within two weeks, Woolley said, and will involve a reduction of 20,000,000 red points in allowable inventories.

Woolley pointed out that this penalty is severe since, by reducing rations credit, OPA is limiting business operations, in some cases drastically. He added, however, that this was only an immediate sanction pending other enforcement penalties.

Largest reduction among the 137 was for 500,000 red point against the account of H. Lerich, 12 Harrison St., Manhattan, a butter and egg dealer.

Two men have been arrested to date as the alleged heads of a ring which sold phony ration checks to food dealers. They are Gash Bartletta, owner of the La Rosa Oil Co., 7315 13th Ave., Brooklyn, and Frank Mignone, meat dealer of 390 Douglas St., Brooklyn.

